

# THE CHURCH EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## THE FOUNDATION OF GOD STANDETH SURE

### NATURAL OR SUPERNATURAL— HUMAN OR DIVINE, WHICH?

All for Christ and the Church

J. S. Llewellyn

"And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship he walked on the water, to go to Jesus." Matt. 14:28, 29.

"Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 16:17.

We have in the incident referred to in the first text, the Lord walking on the sea and Peter's request for His identification by permitting him to come to Him on the water—a very beautiful picture of the supremacy of the supernatural over the natural, the divine over the human, the real immovable foundation of God over that of material footing. The Lord does the strange and the unnatural in order to convince a disobedient and gainsaying people of His power to accomplish that which He designs and to convince the world that He is not mere human as some would have us believe, but He is both human and divine; thus enabling Him to meet the supreme needs of humanity.

The Lord had been very busy preaching and teaching the great multitude. The hour came for nourishment, many of them weary and hungry, the great problem had confronted them, how they should all be fed, unreasonable to expect that they should go into the city and buy enough for that great concourse of people assembled to hear His wonderful words. Finally it was discovered that a little boy had carried his lunch, consisting of some bread and a few small fishes that his mother had packed in his little lunch basket for him to go and hear the teachings of He who spake as never man had spoken. After it was discovered that this was perhaps all that was on the ground in the way of food the Lord asked that it be brought to Him and He blest it and gave the systematic order in which it should be administered or divided to the hungry multitude—beautiful thought that He can put His blessings on little things and make them great, even sufficient to satisfy the hungry thousands, yea, the millions of earth. After this stupendous miracle had been performed He advised that certain of His disciples get in their boat and that He should remain and send the multitude away. After this great congregation had dispersed, the Lord withdrew to the mountain to pray, He remained there for hours in holy communion with His Father in humble prayer and supplication. Oh, that every one of His followers and especially His messengers should pattern from this and spend hours waiting, praying, groaning and crying before God, greater

things would take place in this world, yea, even strange things that would leap the bounds of human reasoning and scientific research and thus convince the world that there is yet a God in Israel.

After this season of prayer and holy communion with His Father, the night being far spent, the little boat out on the sea battling with the storm and contrary winds, the waves rolling, the white caps bursting, Jesus starts walking on the water to overtake them and put in His appearance in time to save them from mischief and disaster.

When the Lord was seen by them, not knowing that it was He, some possibly thinking that it was some strange ghost that naturally put in its appearance in the hour of trouble and storm, viewing Him in the distance some thought it was a spirit and became sore afraid. Surely they were in desperate straits, the wind contrary, the storm on, trouble on every hand, every natural indication and every imagination went to show that some destruction would overtake them. So it is when the Lord seems to be in the distance, visible trouble, trials, difficulties, hardships, heartaches and burdens almost too heavy to bear, the enemy would cause us to imagine many things and heap on us a thousand unnecessary worries, cause us to think that we are in the very wake of wreckage and ruin, darkness hovering over us, but oh, dear soul, it may be in the fourth watch of the night that you are tested to the limit, it may be that just out in the distance that all conquering Christ is walking on the sea of trouble, He may be drawing near you now.

The natural sees many things to hinder and worry, but the supernatural Christ bids sorrow cease, our trouble to end and gives us sweet rest and comfort. The nominal Christian only appears to see the Christ in the distance, or in an imaginary way. They are made to wonder whether it is He or some strange being, a token of greater trouble or impending danger. This humble few, tossed and driven by the winds and waves, we fancy we hear one say, "I believe it is Jesus," another eager to pierce the fog with his vision says, "Surely it must be the Christ," then Peter said, "Lord if it be you bid me come to Thee on the water." Jesus did not stop to give them a long string of convincing argument, but he just said, "Come." That was sufficient answer for all the questions that they had debated in their minds and to one another. Jesus the man of Galilee walking on the sea, He bids us "Come." Peter crawled down out of the little boat, bidding the material good-bye; putting his implicit trust in the Christ who Himself was walking the waters. He would not have

us do something that He would not do. He did not bid Peter come until after He had first walked the waves. The beautiful thought of Peter putting the Lord to the supreme test, "If it is Thee let me come."

The greatest need of this age is for the followers of Jesus Christ to first get a closer vision of the Christ that we serve, second that we let loose, let go of the visible, tangible things of earth that hinder and bind, and above all after we have let loose then LET God have His way, then it is easy to live the divine life, which is to say, let Christ live it in you. Think of all that this word "let" means for this lost world, yea, for the old, material earth on which we live. In the early dawn of creation God looked upon chaotic nature and he said, "Let there be light," the earth produced its fruits, its flowers, its fish, its flesh of animals and upon it flourishes the human race because God said LET, hence for over 6,000 years this has been a very important word in the lives of men and women. It seems that the hardest task of the Christian's

life is to come to a place of unconditional surrender to God, where they can surrender everything to Him, that is, to give up everything for Him, then let God have supreme control in their hearts and lives.

There was no natural footing, nothing for Peter to step on but the water, no material foundation, nothing but the supernatural power of the Christ who said, "Come." As long as he kept his mind on the Lord and his whole confidence in Him he walked as He walked, but the winds began to blow a little more severe and he began to look at the waves and when he did this there being no natural footing or material foundation, he began to sink. Let the troubles come, let the waves roar, let storms of persecution rage, but above all keep your eye on Him who successfully walked the waves and who bids us come to Him. Draw near Him and the difficulties will cease.

I have a lingering fear that the saints of this age have looked too much to the natural and given too little attention to

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### GOING GOOD BUT WITH SOME HINDRANCES

F. J. Lee

Everything seems very pleasant at Headquarters this morning. The weather is just cool enough to be healthful, the frost is heavy enough to exterminate germs, but it doesn't effect demons, for I am sure there are many left in and around Cleveland, but they seem to have vacated the premises at the Auditorium on last night (Friday) which was prayer meeting night. Brother Walker led, but the Lord directed. The instrumental music was inspiring, and the vocal music was elevating, the testimonies were rapturous, that is, they carried one away in spirit from the troublous scenes of this life, to behold the beauties of a true Christian life and the bliss at the end of the way.

On hearing a score or more of young people magnify and laud the name of Jesus, we could not help but exclaim, "Thank God for these precious, bright and hopeful young lives."

There was quite a good deal said in their testimonies about the Bible School. Every one seemed to be elated over the School. The old students were glad to be back and the new ones were glad to be with them, and the Church and community were glad to have them, but most of all every one was glad that God was putting His approval on the efforts of those in charge, trying to promote a Bible School. Not only are they trying, but they are "doing the thing."

The old students testified that while they have had a successful vacation, not in idleness, but in real service for the Lord they have looked forward to the day when they may return to their studies in the Bible School. Every one spoke in high terms of

the Spirituality and heavenly atmosphere of the school. Instead of them becoming "dry as a chip" as some opposers have expressed it, they have become more Spiritual.

Who could backslide under such inspiration as exists at this school?

Also I want to say, as one who knows from observation that the discipline is fine. Brother Payne, while he deals kindly with the students, he is a matter of fact kind of a man and they know that he means business. He is especially looking after the moral interests of every one, or in other words he is looking after the souls of those left in his charge. Parents need not have any fear of leaving their sons or daughters in this school, for I am sure Brother Payne cares for them as he does his own daughter.

#### The Greatest Hindrance

The greatest hindrance to the school is finance. There are many precious boys and girls who would like to attend, but for the lack of finance they are kept away, others have entered with only a few dollars, but it will soon be gone, then with sad hearts they will have to bid farewell to these glorious advantages afforded by the Bible School, and return to their homes burdened, because of the handicap. Some others venture to enter on the faith line, while a few seem to be successful and aid comes often from sources the least expected, while others fail. We hardly know why the failure comes, unless it is because they do not pray and trust the Lord as faithfully as others, but they are just as anxious to remain in school as

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### THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

E. C. Clark

First: I wish to say right here that I believe this Assembly was one of the greatest Assemblies we have ever had. The delegation was not only in keeping with the progressive spirit of the Church, but would have, if a correct enumeration had been had of all the delegates in attendance, numbered with any of the previous Assemblies. I was informed by the General Secretary that there were 2,002 registered, and there were many who left without registering, I am sure, as there were many who came for the latter part of the Assembly that was not registered, and a conservative estimate was placed on those in attendance being not less than 3,000 delegates, which was not an over-estimate, when we consider that the immense Auditorium was filled to overflowing, and many standing in the night services.

I am told the Auditorium will seat approximately 4,000, and when we consider it being filled and many standing in the aisles and wherever they could get and that the basement and streets were literally a mass of human beings in the evening services. If the City of Cleveland with an approximate estimation of 10,000 furnishes one out of five of its entire inhabitants, this would have given the City a credit of 2,000 in attendance, and would have left us not less than 3,000 delegates representing the many States and local churches. This was expressed by many as being the greatest of any Annual Assembly ever held.

Second: I believe that this was not only one of the greatest in its representative body, but I believe the Church through its progressive officials and those in attendance struck the key notes of FAITH and UNITY in its workings in a general way. There seemed to be a spirit among the Elders of wanting to humiliate themselves to take in to their fellowship the entire Church body, giving them the preference of Officials in selecting those that the local churches desire and placing such before the General Assembly for final ratification.

This is a principle I feel that each local Church will accept in the spirit it was given, and I wish to commend such action as being wise and unselfish. This proves to us that our officials have the desire to be servants of the Church, and serve them of the best available materials there may be in the Church, and taking away from our midst any spirit that desires to lord it over God's heritage. This when considered in its true light is of an unestimable value, for a servant does not seek the position, but the position and those that create the position seek for the position a suitable servant, and when any church official has a desire for position in the Church he is contemptible and proud,

the very spirit of the Lord Jesus was that of a servant. Invariably when one seeks a position he should not have it and when one does not want it he is perhaps the one that should have it.

#### Deliberation in Elders Council

Third: I wish to say also it having been my privilege to attend the council of the elders, the twelve and seventy, and in their unity in discussion of subjects of consideration there seemed to be no desire on the part of the twelve elders, to go beyond the desire of the seventy elders in association, this was note worthy.

When we consider that it gives to each elder, regardless of his positional rank, the privilege to deliberate freely on any subject in consideration, I wish to say if we use this power without abusing it, it will give to each Elder an opportunity to serve the Church with whatever wisdom he may possess, which should have for its prerogative, the future development and perfection of the Church.

#### Constitution Repealed

The Constitution which was adopted in 1921 was repealed by a unanimous vote. This has been the vehicle upon which all our opposers had ridden for a great while, inasmuch that we each desiring to commend ourselves in faithfulness to our long cherished principles, and as the Constitution was intended to be used not to destroy the truth for which we were standing, but rather to perpetuate the truth; yet knowing that the truth needs no other ground than truth upon which to stand we repealed by unanimous vote this instrument our guide as to doctrine, maintaining, as has ever been our customs and practices, the Word of God, the New Testament, our guide as to doctrine, and basis of all inspiration, and loving and cherishing the blessed Holy Ghost the Author of all Scripture, which has been with the Word of God, our guide in each passing day, and shall be in ages to come.

#### Evangelistic Services

At night there was from the various speakers, an order of evangelistic sermons delivered which were very effective. There was a good number obtained the various experiences in each of these services, proving the healthy spirit which continues to prevail among our people, having for its object the salvation of souls.

#### Exuberant Blessings

In the various services from time to time there was the ever abundant presence of the Lord Jesus, and the ever abiding Word of God. The saints were blessed and built up, shouting and giving forth the articulations of the Holy Ghost.

#### Good Singing

The singing was grand all through the entire Assembly, and I would feel it a great injustice to fail to say something

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Mrs. J. D. Johnson,  
Box 147, Fort White, Fla.

Carlee Fowler wants all the saints to pray that God will heal his body.

Everyone please pray that the Lord will heal my body, if it is His will.—Mrs. A. J. Ellixson.

## NOTICES

Is there a member of the Church in Savannah, Ga.? If so please write to me at once. Lorena Cotton.—114 Fairfax Ave., Blackwood, N. J.

R. E. Winsett, song book publisher, has returned to Chattanooga, Tenn. with his business, after spending some time in Fort Smith, Ark. His address is Box 135, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Jesse Roberts of Lakeland, Florida, write to your mother at O'Brien, Florida, Route A. Box 119.

To the Churches in Missouri and Kansas:

As I have been appointed State Overseer of these two states and will not be able to get in the states for a few weeks I hope all the ministers and evangelists will stick to their work until I get there.

My address will be 12 North Manchester Road, Kenmore, Ohio until further notice. Write me to this address, preachers and church clerks. Please send all tithes for the State Overseer to the above address.

May God bless you all.—D. R. Moreland, State Overseer.

To the Churches and Ministers in the State of Arkansas and those who would like to work in the State next year:

I am now back in the State and as the brethren have put me over the work we want by your help, prayers and co-operation to make this a prosperous year for His Church. My Brother or sister, you have a hearty welcome to "Come over and

help us" if you are loyal on every line, tithing, reporting and all.

As it will take a little time to get the pastors arranged will be glad to hear from every minister that wants to pastor churches, also those who would like to evangelize. Please get your congregation together and see who you would like for pastor this year. I will be around to your church as soon as possible. Write me at an early date.

Remember I am a servant of the Church and want to be a great help and blessing to every one. Ever remember me in your prayers when you offer them up to God, and always offer up a few words for me and the work in general.

Come on ministers, let us every one yoke up, together in the battle. I am praying for you. God bless you all. Your brother and Overseer.—Jesse Danehower, Box 145, Haynes, Ark.

L. F. Cantrell, Clerk of the church at Ware Shoals, South Carolina wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Lela Smith and Cora Nicholson also wants to say if any preacher that reads this wants to come here and run a week or two of meeting or as long as the Lord leads, we would be glad for you to come. The devil is here, but I praise God that in spite of him we have some wonderful meetings at this place.

### Natural or Supernatural, Human or Divine, Which?

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the supernatural or Spiritual things. When this humble few in their little boat out on the stormy sea first got a glimpse of He who was approaching they were unable to tell who or what it was. On another occasion referred to in the second text after the Lord had led His little company around and near the scene of the transfiguration He propounded to them the question, "Who do men say that I am?" Their answer in substance was that some say one, and some another. Some thought He was Elias the prophet, but man in His natural state fails to get a proper conception of the Christ of the Church. Then Jesus asked them, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter very quickly answered that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus knowing the correctness of His answer said to him that flesh and blood had not revealed that to him. Let me remind you dear reader, that flesh and blood cannot reveal to you the Christ or His Church in its fullness and glory. Flesh and blood says it is this, that or the other, but the divine revelation that comes from God is that which counts. Then Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church." What rock? "Upon this rock" that revelation that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God. That was not a natural or material stone on which He expected to build, but on the divine revelation, the supernatural foundation that the gates of hell cannot affect. Oh, that we could get a fresh and new revelation of the Christ and His Church in order that we may sufficiently rest in Him with the blessed assurance that the fiery darts of the enemy cannot affect her and that she will never be overthrown. In view of this glorious thought let one and all cease to worry, remembering that God will care for His own, though it may be in the fourth watch of the night

He will put in His appearance and a glorious and happy day will soon dawn. I am inclined to believe that a new and greater day is soon to dawn upon the Church, though the long, dismal night of trouble and heartaches and worries it will not be long until this glorious day will dawn, the new light, greater power and more glorious victories shall be ours and the old ship will continue on her journey with the living Christ on board. His presence and power felt and known in our midst. Finally she shall glide safely in to port amidst the jubilant shouts of the millions of earth's redeemed awaiting her safe arrival. Dear ones, let us not become weary or faint-hearted at whatever may come our way, but commit it to Him who has trod the way before us.

Dear reader, the greatest attraction is for Jesus to say to us as He said to Peter, "Come." Oh, hear His call, let Him hear you tell Him now that you are fully willing to leave your little boat and walk out and take your stand where He is standing. Can you say from the depths of your heart that you are all for Christ and the Church? The waves may roar, the flesh may quiver and howl, but remember that Jesus is now walking on the very waves that threaten your destruction, the very trouble that caused you to worry is now under His feet. He walked on them before He ever invited you to. If you will trust Him fully they will be under your feet too. You are not to spend your time in holding them down or suppressing them, but you are to ride on them. Thank God, He is riding on them, they are under His feet and it is ours to walk in victory with Him. It is not my victory or yours, it is His. He is the great attraction, it is He who is the fairest of ten thousand, it is the Christ that is to be honored and exalted above every name, therefore we can afford to surrender all to Him and let Him hold us as victors in Him.

We may rest assured that He who is walking on the water will not go down and that He will bring us through. Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on the water, then began to sink, but that all sympathizing Christ stretched forth His hand and held him. He will pull you through. I am fully persuaded if we will commit all to Him He will safely protect us from the storms of persecution and the waves of trouble until the day dawns with brighter hopes and greater victories. Dear one, can we not afford to settle it firmly in our hearts, let whatever come may we are all for Christ and the Church?

Abraham got tangled up in Egypt; but God finally got him to Mt. Moriah and to the place that he withheld nothing from God, not even Isaac, his only son. Thank God for the place of complete surrender, nothing withheld, the dearest already let go in order to let God have His way. If you will give up your best God will give you His best. Can we not trust all to Him who gave all for us? Oh, sweet fellowship, oh, glorious walk, oh walk of comfort and rest with Thee, Thou blessed Christ who gave all for us? Oh, sweet fellowship, Moses was a murderer; then he went to be disciplined in the back side of the desert. He afterward became a mighty man of God because he surrendered his life to Him, but in a day when God was greatly using him he failed to give God the glory. Many are making the sad mistake today. If God does use them in preaching His Word or praying for the sick they sometimes later, apparently uncon-

sciously so, take unto themselves the honor for their accomplishments. I am made to wonder if it does not grieve the heart of God and cause my Christ to blush and angels to fold their wings because we have failed to give God the glory. Because of this Moses was not allowed to go into Canaan, but God still loved Him. He took him off alone and buried him and no man knew his resting place, but God in His mercy wonderfully and blessedly pulled him through for on the mount of transfiguration who should be there as the honored guest but this same Moses. (Not Joshua.) He entered the land after all.

In conclusion permit me to exhort one and all commit your all to Him and He will take you through. Is it not a great inducement to step out on His Word and to know that He will do the fighting and the winning and finally land us in glory with a beautiful crown of life and victory on our brow and angels, cherubims and seraphims and all the created host of heaven gives us a great reception in the city of gold. Then let us echo to the remotest hamlet all for Christ and the Church.

### RUN THAT YOU MAY OBTAIN THE PRIZE

W. E. Raney, Empire, Ala.

Dear ones, I am in the race and feel like going to the end to receive the prize. "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize," so we should run that we may obtain. Sometimes I think I can't run any longer, but Jesus comes to my rescue. It is sure good to wait on the Lord and they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings and not be weary. The prize is at the end of the way. I want to go don't you? Let's go over and possess the land. The devil may say there are bears and lions and all kinds of raving beasts over there, but God will make the way for us to run if we will let Him. I now think of Joshua and Caleb. All the spies said, "We can't go," but there were two said, "We can," and they did. Say boys, we can go too.

O the thing that holds the people is the weight of the world. Wherefore, laying aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envies and all evil speaking as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby. 1 Peter 2:1,2.

I think some of our folks are loaded with things as this and more, they can't run. They tell me when they train horses for the race track they tie weights to their legs before the hour of race, then when the hour of race is come, they take them off, then of course they feel like running. Some folks don't feel like running for the cares of the world are holding them back. O let us unload and get in the race. Now we started like we were going to run right into heaven in a few days, but say, Who did hinder you? O the different things I could name that are holding our people back. It is not the one that runs the farthest that is going to count, but he that goeth all the way. I remember a story of a rabbit and a turtle that were to run a race and did. Of course the rabbit ran fast for a while, ran off and left the turtle, but the turtle was doing his best. The rabbit just knew he had gone off and left the turtle but he decided to rest a while, so he side-tracked. I will just say here that it won't do to side-track. This is a straight way and it is the best

to keep traveling toward the goal so the rabbit stayed a while in the meadows and then decided to sleep a while, then get up and start again, but while this was going on the faithful turtle kept running. Of course he was doing all that he could do. It did seem so slow, but when the rabbit awoke he decided to go again, but the faithful turtle had passed him and when the rabbit got to the brook or to the goal the turtle was there. Ah, let us keep going. Though we get tired lots of times, we can wait on the Lord until our legs get rested and He will give us strength. Oh the glory that fills my soul just now. I want to run all the way to heaven for I know the prize is at the end of the way.

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for the "Quartet Singers" furnished by Prof. Vaughan. These singers were not only of the best, but were godly in person and appearances, the very class we are glad to have with us. I am sure their presence and songs were not only an inspiration, but an encouragement to our people.

### Progression

The past year was one of blessings, many new churches were set in order in the various states, with the acquirement of new properties etc., for the development of the work in general, the financial reports were healthy and satisfactory to the conditions under which we labor, and I believe the report of 169 ministers in the past year is a sufficiency to prove that we are still growing in every way.

### Bible School

The Bible School was ready to open the Annual term on Oct. 25th with about fifty students present and several more on their way and to come from the various places. We feel proud of the Bible School and our boys and girls from over the country trying to prepare themselves for future work in the service of the Master, and this is something we should each encourage and stand behind. We are in need of a trained ministry in Word and Spirit, to take care of the Churches, there are today, dying around us, many congregations, because we lack the element of ministers that know how to effectively preach the Word of God and care for the flock.

### Storms

While we are and have been having and will ever have storms to go through, let us not feel depressed for God is with us, and we shall, by His guiding

hand, accomplish whatsoever He has before intended us to do for Him, and the very fact that He is with us, and has been standing by us, is the very fact in which we care to move, and is within itself sufficient evidence that He has for us a plan all of His own design, so let us look up and take courage and press the battle to the front on all edges vying no time to the advisory. May God bless you.

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the others, and it almost breaks their hearts to have to leave, but they know Brother Payne can't feed them and take them through free of charge, therefore they cannot stay long.

Several others prayed through before they came and the Lord definitely answered prayer and supplied ample means to support them for the term of school.

It is marvelous how they all shout and praise the Lord together, the ones whose means are short seem to be just as happy as those who have plenty, showing themselves willing to submit to the will of the Lord, but yet they may wonder if it is the will of the Lord to them to be deprived of these glorious privileges of equipping themselves for God's service, when some of His stewards are withholding the amount it would take to pay a student through. I feel that God would smile on every one who will agree to take one of these unfortunate students on his heart. It may be that you can't preach, but you can help prepare some precious young man or woman to take your place. Moses could not preach, but God sent Aaron with him to do the talking for him. I want to tell you that most every one of these students are talented speakers, but they will need some training and knowledge of the Word.

They had schools of the prophets in Elijah's day, and good old Elijah was very much interested in them, even giving advice as to how to promote the school. Every older head today should show himself much interested in the Bible School.

I believe \$125.00 would take one of these boys or girls through the six month's term. I know that God has His eye on some money right now, and perhaps he has seen the rust or canker on it, or if it is bills perhaps the notes are eating it, anyway it is laying within the coffers, withholding the blessing from many souls.

I submit this to the public and also to God and if He can use it to affect any good I will say, Amen.

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T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

### Back Again from Louisiana

Thank the Lord, we have the privilege of being in this term of the Bible School. The Lord is with us as never before.

We have six prayers daily in the schoolroom right in the same place where the dear Lord met with us so many times last year. Last Tuesday night, Nov. 2, just ten years ago I received the precious Holy Ghost. The dear Lord didn't forget me on my birthday but sent a wonderful out-pouring of His Spirit and instead of the prayer at 6 o'clock lasting four or five minutes, there was praying, crying, laughing, shouting, dancing, and speaking in tongues all over the schoolroom for an hour. But the Lord is always with us in the Bible School. His holy presence and the desire to know more about His good Word just makes us love the school and want to stay here all the time.

Some have said to me that you are wasting time going to school, but as we drive thru the different states and see the excellent roads and the many good brick schoolhouses, this proves that the people of today are rapidly advancing, and we will be facing a wiser generation in a short time so I'm sure you will agree that we need to know the Word and have the power of God with us to convince this gainsaying world.

Pray earnestly for your little brother,

J. H. Walker,  
2505 Montgomery Ave.  
Cleveland, Tenn.

### A Tennessee Student

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. 1 Tim. 2:15.

In what better way could we do this than by coming to Bible School?

I want to praise God for the privilege of being here in the school. And when I think of His goodness to me in answering my prayers and blessing my efforts to come, I cannot doubt that it is His will for me to be here. I am praising God because His approval is upon the school and is directing the way it shall be carried on.

I am sure each student thanks God for Brother Payne and Sister Moore, our teachers who are always ready to help and advise each student.

I also enjoy the good prayers. Six times during the day we go on our knees before God and ask Him to give us more wisdom and knowledge, not of this world, but of His Word that we might be better prepared to work for Him.

There are about fifty-three students enrolled and I am sure we are all glad to be here.

We desire your prayers for the school.

Jewell Harter,  
Nashville, Tenn.

### A Student from North Dakota

I am glad for this opportunity to be a witness for Jesus by writing a few words from the Bible School. I am praising Him for the privilege of being able to attend this term to learn more about this good way and to prepare myself for greater and more efficient service for Him. Praise His matchless name. Nothing is more wonderful than when these precious young people gather together to study and pray and oh how God does bless.

We have prayer at least six times a day and we truly can feast on the good things of God. How He does bless our souls and makes us happy and free in Him and it is also written where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty, and we feel this freedom here. We have been here two weeks now and can say I have surely been benefitted in a good measure already; especially in the study of His Word and hope by His help to go on and get more of these precious truths.

I am glad because our God is faithful and if we put our trust in Him He will not fail us. Out of the seemingly impossible He makes a way in the darkness, He can cause the light to shine. It looked like we couldn't get to be here this year, but I am glad because He has promised to supply all our need and to go with us to the uttermost parts of the earth. Nothing is impossible for Him and by His grace I mean to stand by Him and trust Him soul and body. My only aim is to serve Him humbly and submissively in whatever He leads me to do. The fields are white unto harvest. We should be willing to go any place in this great harvest field if He puts it on us even though it isn't just the place we feel like going. We will have to conquer our feelings, step out and trust Him whatever the conditions may be, and I know in the end we will be far happier and the reward will be greater. It is a time when we will have to unite and put our shoulder to the wheel and move on as never before in this conquest for lost souls. We should be willing to pay the full price because truly His love was great for us and we ought to love our brothers in sin to the extent that we will go where God wants us to seek the lost.

A few more days and this great conflict will soon be over. Our Christ and Lord shall reign supreme over the hosts of sin and how glad we will be then if we have proven faithful and have borne the cross. The tears and heartaches will be over, sin will no more be known. He is preparing His bride now and in spite of persecution and trials she will rise and shine more glorious than ever before. These are the days of preparation, the marriage feast is soon ready and it behooves us to have our garments on, oil in our lamps, ready to go to the great supper of the Lamb. Pray for me that I may prove worthy in all things and be found faithful of Him.

Pearl Anderson.

### From Florida—the Sunny Land

It is again that we Bible students are permitted to testify through the Evangel concerning the wonderful times we are having.

As we left the Bible School last spring our hearts were made sad but that sadness was soon driven away when we thought that we might be permitted to return this term. We went out upon the open fields which were before us and truly were treated kindly by the saints we were permitted to meet. We were not only treated with kindness by the saints but we found homes with our holiness friends.

We came back to school with a burning desire to learn all we could this term and can say, though it hardly seems possible, that this term is even better

than the previous term we attended.

It seems to me that prayer is the secret to the success of this school. We do not meet here and pray a little dry formal prayer as it has been said by some but we had a prayer which lasted for an hour and caused Brother Robinson to be deprived of teaching the music class.

We do not wish to exaggerate about the school, we had rather see your faces as they would shine with the glory of God here in school.

Geo. A. Douglas.

## DIVINE HEALING

### Baby Healed of Eczema

TOWN CREEK, Ala.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me and for His love, mercy and tender care He has for me day by day. I praise the dear Lord for full and free salvation, because He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost and the Comforter still sweetly abides. I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby of eczema which has been afflicted for seven months, I would testify of it through the Evangel. He isn't completely healed, but almost and I believe the Lord will entirely heal him. He would not get any better till we put him in the hands of the Lord and asked Him to take him in His care, and I give Him all the praise for what He has done for my baby. I am glad that I can serve a God that is always ready to answer prayer.—Violet Knouff.

### Great Success

BORO BRIDGE P. O., JAMAICA, B. W. I.—I would like to send a note of praise through the dear Evangel about this great success we have had, and are having, in the meetings at this place. Blackwoods District Meeting was being conducted by Brothers O. C. Tapper, S. Robertson and Rodney which continued three weeks. Oh the Lord wonderfully blessed.

Seventy-five persons were saved, eleven sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost and many are waiting till the Church is set in order here to unite. I was very sorry when I returned home and heard that Brother T. A. Sears had gone back to the States, for we are in absolute necessity for the Church at Blackwoods to be put in proper order, but anyway all the saints in Jamaica are praying that the Lord will soon bring back Brother Sears to us in Jamaica. We are anxious to get him back because everyone is mourning after him.—O. C. Tapper.

### HEALED OF THROAT TROUBLE

GIBSON, Ga.—I want to thank the dear Lord for what He is to me and my family. I promised the Lord if He would heal my throat of a terrible disease I would testify to it through the Evangel. He did more than that. I had an enlarged tonsil and my throat broke out on one side with little bumps and it hurt me so bad I could not sleep at night and I got the saints to pray for me and anoint me and I got better at once. I sent to Brother L. G. Rouse for an anointed handkerchief.

Two of my daughters have the Holy Ghost and I want every one to pray that the rest of my family and I will receive Him. I have a son in the army with T. B. and I truly desire all Christian people to pray that the dear Lord will heal him and save his

soul before it is too late. He has been saved once and was a holiness preacher, but he backslid.

My baby was taken suddenly with vomiting and my husband wanted me to give him some medicine but I said "no" and laid him down on the bed and laid my hands on him and asked the Lord to heal him and it left instantly and in about half an hour he was playing around. I give the Lord all the praise.—Mrs. Mattie Newsome.

### Completely Healed

PITTSBURG, Ga.—I will write a few lines to testify to the healing of my little granddaughter, age two years. She was very sick with cold when the anointed handkerchief from Brother Rouse arrived, the Lord touched her body and she was instantly healed, for which I give God all the glory, for it was through His power she was healed.

Our thirteen year old son while in Tampa, Florida about six months ago, was instantly healed of a broken shoulder. Brother E. W. Williams, Pastor, and several of the brethren and sisters came and prayed for him and he never lost a minute sleep. He was completely healed.

Please pray for me and my family that God will use us to His glory.—Mrs. Ova Jones.

### The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever

FAYETTE, Ala.—This is Sunday morning, the day to be kept holy. Bless His name. I want to praise God this morning for the dear little Evangel for His love and for all He has been to me. Well we know God is a true God and cannot lie. He says in His Word, Come unto me all ye ends of the earth, and be saved for I am God and there is none beside Him.

I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. St. Luke 13:5. I am glad to know He is just the same today as He was when He was on earth among men. Saints, let's pray more with bended knees and humble hearts than ever before. The world is going wild over the things of this life, which will send their souls to hell. May God bless His people, and have them to gain more love. Oh how we will shout and sing when the redeemed are gathering in. Oh why should I be lost, with such sweet words before me. And whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.

Brother and sister, let us keep the Gospel in front of us all the time, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to the saving of our girls and boys. I want the saints to pray for wife and I that we may be filled with the Holy Ghost. We joined the Church May 2, 1926.

Some day we will see each other face to face, and see our Saviour who died for you and me. He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Oh how we thank God for such a gift as that. He said He was the same yesterday, today and forever, and He will save all that will come unto Him.

The Lord has just gone to prepare a home for you and me. So pray for me and my family. J. J. Lee, Fayette, Ala.

GREENVILLE, N. C.—I am praising the Lord this morning for full and free salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. I am so glad I opened the door of my heart and invited my blessed Lord in. I am glad that I am serving a God who can save and keep saved as long as we abide in His Word.

I was taken very ill the first Sunday in July. I thought my time was very short, but I was willing to suffer anything for my Lord. My husband tried to get me to take remedies or have the doctor, but I meant to trust the Lord, so he got some one to pray for me. It was our pastor's appointment here (Mr. D. Patterson) and as he is always on his job husband got he and the saints to pray for me and the Lord touched my body. Mr. Moody and Terrell I was as bad off as ever. Tuesday afternoon I told my little boy to hand my Bible to me. I took the handkerchief that I had received from Brother Rouse when he was here, out of my Bible and laid it on my body in the name of Jesus and the Lord touched my body. I got up and did not go to bed any more. I am delighted in writing a third time this, aren't you?

A little later my son stuck a nail in his foot and that night we were awakened by his crying. He was in much pain. He could not sleep. His father used remedies, but he could not stop crying. I said, "son, do you want me to lay that handkerchief on your foot?" and he said, "yes ma'am." I did in Jesus' name and it wasn't but just a few minutes until he was asleep and rested well. He had no more trouble with his foot.

I want all the saints to pray for me to have complete healing. He just what the Lord wants me to be and make my life a blessing to others. Pray for my unsaved husband and children to be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. F. J. Baker.

MULLENS, W. Va.—I have received a reminder from God that I promised I would testify through the Evangel if He would heal my baby. We should be careful about making a vow to God and then breaking it.

Sometime ago my baby found some lye and got some in her mouth. I don't know if she swallowed any or not, but she was just screaming and her lips were swollen awfully.

I got her ready as quick as I could and took her to my sister's where they were having meeting, had her prayed for and anointed and she went to sleep

before they were through praying. In just a few minutes all the swelling had gone from her face for which God gets all the glory. He will take care of us without medicine if we will only trust Him. I have tried Him in many cases and He hasn't failed me yet. Praise His name.

My little six year old boy was wonderfully healed this summer. He had been losing his hearing for about a year. His hearing was so bad we would have to hallow three or four times to get him to hear. I took him to Mabsco to have him prayed for and he was completely healed. Next day my husband put him through every kind of test and he could hear as good as he ever could, and we have had no trouble with him since.

What do we care how much the devil howls and says there is no such thing as divine healing? Our good old Bible still says there is, and we see it done most every day. Christ said we should not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Father. And we find that means a whole lot when we begin to study His precious Book. I believe there would be many more wonderful things done if we would get our minds off of the things of this world and get them on Jesus.

I have had people tell me we did not have to give up everything for Christ, but He says, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service."

It seems as if Satan is doing everything within his power to overthrow God's children, but Jesus will carry us through if we will only cling to Him.

Pray for me that my robe may be white when He comes or calls.—Mrs. Genniv Thompson.

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# REPORTS

## GOOD REVIVAL

PRUDEN, TENN.—We have just closed a meeting at the Church in Kentucky, with good success. Three were saved, three sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. They are standing four square for the Church. Please pray for us.—H. T. Andrews.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—We have had a meeting going on eight days and there were two that received the Holy Ghost during this time.

We are expecting a new Church set in order at this place some day, many souls are hungry for the Word. Pray for me.—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker, Box 232.

## What the Church is Doing in Independence, Virginia

INDEPENDENCE, Va.—We have had a good meeting here, several were saved and two received the Holy Ghost. Many are standing true blue for the Word and all its teachings. I have no desire to turn back, I want to keep pressing on. Brother R. M. Sexton set the Church in order with 25 members.—Your sister in Christ, R. 1, Box 10.

## Standing for Truth and Right

On the 4th of July the saints met together to worship the Lord, and to honor and praise His name, the service was conducted by Brother T. A. Sears who gave out the Word with great power, using for a text "Come let us reason together saith the Lord, though our sins be like scarlet, He will make them white as snow." Then an altar call was given and eight souls came over on the Lord's side.

Let every one that prays, pray for the work in Jamaica.—A member of the Church.

## FEW IN NUMBER—THE LORD PRESENT

DAYLIGHT, Tenn.—It has been some time since I have written to the Evangel we all love so well, will say we are having a good Sunday school in a little log house and have preaching twice a month by Brother Richard Turner. We are not many in number, but the power of the Lord is with us in the preaching services.

I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost Sept. 7, with the evidence of speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4.

Please pray for me to keep humble and do the Lord's will at all times.—Alice Ritchey, Rt. 2, Box 77.

## THE LORD IS STILL BLESSING

McVEIGH, Ky.—I want to report a revival meeting which has just closed. The power surely did fall and the Lord blessed the saints. There were seven saved, one reclaimed, one sanctified and several under deep conviction. There are many hungry souls here.

The revival was conducted by Brother and Sister Brewer, of Lenore, W. Va. We would like to have them come back for another revival. Sister Brewer and Brother Miller furnished the music.

Please pray for this place. We are few in number but we know that God can bless.—Nathaniel Thacker, Clerk.

## What the Church is Doing in Springfield, Mo.

I just want to praise the dear Lord for what He has been to me, how He has blessed me all these many years. Praise His name.

I want to say a few words about the good meeting we held in Springfield. We began Sept. 17th, the enemy tried to defeat us but the Lord said when He is for us who could be against us. We were late getting the tent up but finally when we did get it up and started we had a good meeting. Brother W. E. Collins of Bonne Terre, Mo., preached for us three nights. Oh such joy as the Lord gave us, and we all just felt the need of souls being born into the kingdom and we began to cry and pray and then other souls that did not have salvation began to weep their way through to victory. Such feasting at our Father's table, we surely had it.

There were fourteen saved, six sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. There were a good many more seeking for the blessing. We remember one old man especially; he had been sanctified during the meeting and was so happy he couldn't stay at the altar. A few nights later he was on his way to church when he was knocked down by a car and killed, he was 74 years of age. His chapter and verse was 1 Cor. 2:2. I am determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. We praise God for this precious soul, that he made peace with God before he was taken out of the world.

We are also planning to build a tabernacle here so you see we are growing fast. Praise the dear Lord. Pray for us that we may always have the victory and stay humble at the feet of Jesus.—Mrs. W. H. Ramey.

## NORRISTOWN COMING TO THE FRONT

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—The Church at Norristown is coming to the front. Tonight finds me still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and I am now on my way to the glory world. O how I love Him, He is so precious to me. On the 19th of September we had water baptism and six followed the Lord in water and it was wonderful. The doors of the church were opened and six were added to the church and the Lord is still pouring out His Spirit here upon His children. Will you please pray for us that God will have His way with us?—J. W. Hamilton.

## Pastors for Illinois

Bompas Creek, Olney, Seminary, Graham Oglesby, Pastor. Carmi, Webb McAnally, Pastor. Chancey, R. A. Fielden, Pastor. Christopher, J. L. Golins, Pastor. Eldorado, J. R. Thomas, Pastor. Harrisburg, Honey Comb, Marcus L. Lowe, Pastor. Lawrenceville, Bridgeport, St. Francisville, Toney Ford, Pastor. Marco, Mt. Vernon, John O. Yates, Pastor. Johnston City, Pittsburg, Stanley Joplin, Pastor. Logan, Sesser, J. A. Bixler, Pastor. West Frankfort, W. J. Milligan, Pastor.

These were duly appointed at the 21st Annual Assembly which convened in Cleveland, Tenn. Oct. 18-24, 1926 by State Overseer, M. W. Letsinger, for the ensuing year.

M. W. Letsinger.

## MY CHIEF INQUISITION

"And I said O that I had wings like a dove; for then would I fly away and be at rest." Psalms 55:6.

After reading the Book of Revelation twice and much prayer I was musing, and this verse came into memory.

"O that I had wings like a dove; for then would I fly away and be at rest." And these lines of poetry came into my mind.

If I had wings like Noah's dove,  
I'd wind my way to courts above,  
I'd leave this world with all its grief,  
And find my soul a sweet relief.

My heart is living now above,  
I'm dreaming of the flight of love,  
My mind oft soars away in space,  
And views in awe, our resting place.

And still I'm bowed down here in chains,  
My spirit groans off here with pains,  
My heart recoils its vague retreat,  
My heart exclaims, "There's no defeat."

Altho I linger here in clay  
There'll come a fairer, brighter day,  
My days on earth will have an end,  
And then in glory they will blend.

At first to some starry height I'd fly,  
And then to the shepherd's fold,  
I'd call at pearly portals bright,  
And then at the gates of gold;  
And there I'd sit and list and wait,  
And look at the saints in light,  
Until morning, noon or even tide,  
For there—there comes no night.

If angels came and welcomed me,  
And played on their harps of gold,  
And offered me contentment there,  
Safe in heaven's fold,  
I'd say I'm not contented here,  
My soul is on the wing,  
I'm glad I'm now on heaven's side,  
I want to see my King.

I'd fly then on to realms above,  
And rest me out in space,  
And there explore the shining worlds,  
For all the human race;  
If angels said it's heaven here,  
Rest me here in peace,  
I'd say nothing here contents me now,  
But the gentle Savior's smile.

Where is He whom my soul loveth?  
I cannot here abide,  
There's something within my breast  
That waits me o'er the tide.  
Heaven is not enough to satisfy,  
A soul that's saved by grace,  
There's nothing that can charm the heart  
Or take the Savior's place.

If millions gathering 'round us there  
And loved ones shake our hand,  
And white robed saints with glistening crowns,  
Come with that holy band,  
I then would look with anxious eyes,  
Beyond the blood-washed choir,  
For Him who saved me by His grace,  
Who did my heart inspire.

Tho' all the angels and saints of light,  
Should sing me welcome song,  
And I was seated in that Holy Choir,  
With all that ransomed throng;  
Just before we sang again,  
I'm sure I'd ask to speak  
"Where is the man who died for me?"  
That I His face might seek.

Should Gabriel address that Holy throng,  
And especially mention me,  
I'd call for Him who brought me there,  
Who died upon the tree;  
I then would speak before the throne,  
In accents loud and clear,  
Where is the man of Calvary,  
The One who brought me here?

If I should see my Father's face,  
And hear His welcome voice,  
And hear Him say, "Well done my child,"  
I surely would rejoice,  
And when I felt my welcome there,  
Yes, in that Holy place,  
I'd say, It was Jesus who brought me here,  
I long to see His face.

He is King of kings and Lord of lords,  
He's sitting on the throne,  
None can see Him but the ones  
Whom Jesus calls His own;  
I'm now in wondering what to say,  
My heart is longing still,  
Nothing now can satisfy,  
Unless my Savior will.

At this place I waited for days and had much anxiety, just what the next verse could be. I was just placing words down as they came into my mind, like the radio, I was dependent on what came next, but my mind was in great wonder, if I should go to heaven and there fail to see Jesus as I had expected, and though I had welcome to all heaven's pleasures, and Jesus failed to bid me welcome and tell the everlasting Father that I was His faithful child, I would not be satisfied.

And my mind has ever been in great wonder, "Will my Savior own me" and introduce me to my Father or will He say "I was not pleased with you."

If I have not been as faithful  
As my Lord will expect,  
Or have been careless oft  
And full of sheer neglect,  
Or if the Lord is not pleased,  
Yes in the least respect,  
What will I then say or do  
Or even then expect?

If Jesus fails to bid me welcome,  
On that golden strand,  
What would heaven be for me,  
Or all that Holy Land?  
Give me Jesus any where I go  
Is my heart's desire,  
Give me Jesus any where I go  
Is all that I acquire.

And now my only query is today,

Shall I ever see His face?  
Shall I be led by His dear hand,  
And filled with abundant grace?  
I'm seeking now a closer walk,  
And a hope to know Him more,  
My heart is crying for His love,  
And greater and richer store.

I am so far from what I see  
That saints in light have found,  
I often wonder if I can ever be,  
Filled with "Grace abound."  
I'm praying now both night and day,  
And asking for His love,  
I long to see Him as He is,  
And live with Him above.

## Report of Labor in July, August and September

Will say that I feel tired, but when I look into the field and see so much to do, I can't stay at home. After helping in a meeting at Summit, Alabama a while, the first of July, I went to Mississippi Camp Meeting to help in it, so I stayed a week thinking Brother Llewellyn would come every day, but I left before he arrived, tho the week that I was there I think eight-  
een received the Holy Ghost. I learned that Brother Llewellyn arrived at Cleveland toward the close of the camp meeting and delivered some wonderful sermons and encouraged the saints. I went from Cleveland to Cada Alabama near Kennedy where I stayed two weeks. Several were saved, and sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost, three were baptized in water and two added to the church, then I came home to my appointment at Empire, preached here Sunday night which was the second Sunday in August, went back to Cada and stayed until over Saturday night. I filled my next appointment at Empire and after preaching on Sunday night, started for Shaw, Mississippi again, traveling all the rest of the night and the next day. As soon as I arrived we began firing on the enemy for about ten or eleven services. The Lord blessed us good. The devil got mad and worked hard against us, but in spite of him the Lord gave us souls for our labor. There was a great number saved and sanctified and six received the Holy Ghost.

Many times we are tired and most worn out in body, but say if we are faithful a few more days, we shall have rest, so let us be doing our bit while here, night cometh when no man can work.—W. E. Raney.

## Desires Correspondence

WEST UNION, S. C.—I feel that it is my duty to write a short testimony to the dear Evangel, and to tell a part of what the dear Lord is and has done for us. We have had a good revival here in our church and several got saved and some received the baptism. My daughter and two of my sons have received the blessing and it surely has made a change in them. It is sad to think there are so many people that claim to be Christians and some have even been preaching and I really do not believe they have ever been saved or they surely would see and act different. I was talking to a darkey recently, he seemed to be a good old honest fellow and he said he believed a person was alright after they accepted Jesus in the free pardon of their sins and joined the church and was baptized. He said he believed he could live just any way and then be saved in the end. I told him he was most certainly mistaken for if he was a sinner when his time came to die, he would just be a sinner on and would surely not see the pearly gates. I praise the Lord for knowing the blessed Saviour as I do and for what I have learned of His precious way of holiness. I just want to do more for Him. Now dear Evangel readers, we are intending to move to Winston, Georgia this fall and there are no holiness people there that I know of and I want to hear from some one in or near Atlanta, Georgia that is a holiness person, as I intend to work there this winter and probably some of the Church people will be able to help my sons and me get work. The place where we will live is close to Atlanta and we want to get them interested in the holiness way. Address me at my present address.—L. J. Vollrath, West Union, S. C.

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